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SUBJECT: PLANE CRASH TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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1. SUMMARY: FOUR U.S. CITIZENS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ONLY U.S. CITIZENS ABOARD FAT FLT 134 WHICH CRASHED JULY 31 AT SUNGSHAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TAIPEI. END SUMMARY.

2. FAR EASTERN AIR TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (FAT) HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH MANIFEST OF FAT FLT 134 SHOWING 70 PASSENGERS AND 5 CREW ABOARD. EXAMINATION OF MANIFEST SHOWS 54 PASSENGER NAMES IN CHINESE CHARACTERS WHO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ROC CITIZENS SINCE ALL HAVE CHINESE ID CARD NUMBER LISTED NEXT TO NAME AND ALL SHOWN ON MANIFEST AS CHINESE. REMAINING 16 PASSENGERS ON MANIFEST ARE ALIENS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

4 U.S. CITIZENS (IDENTIFIED PARA 2 AND 3 REFTEL)
2 ISRAELI CITIZENS (IDENTIFIED PARA 4 REFTEL)
2 INDONESIAN CITIZENS (IDENTIFIED)
2 JAPANESE CITIZENS (IDENTIFIED)
6 HONG KONG CHINESE (NOT YET IDENTIFIED)

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3. FAT ADVISES THAT OF 75 ABOARD FLT 134, 18 HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL, 30 STILL HOSPITALIZED, AND 27 DEAD. OF 27 DEAD, 14 BODIES HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND 13 REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED. UNIDENTIFIED BODIES ALL APPEAR TO BE CHINESE.

4. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH USC WAVERLY FONG MORNING AUG 1 AT SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, TAIPEI. MR. FONG STATED THAT HE AND HIS SISTER, MARGO FONG, WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED AND THEY EXPECT TO BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL IN A DAY OR TWO. HE AGAIN REQUESTED THAT HIS NOK IN USA NOT RPT NOT BE NOTIFIED (PARA 2 REFTEL) AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF HIS ADDRESS AFTER LEAVING HOSPITAL.

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM U.S. NAVY GUAM THAT NOK IN GUAM AND CONNECTICUT HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF DEATHS OF USC'S MR. AND MRS. RICHARD P. CEHON (PARA 3 REFTEL). WE AWAIT FAMILY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISPOSITION OF REMAINS.

6. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CUSTODY OF MOST PERSONAL EFFECTS OF USC'S MENTIONED PARA 4 AND 5 ABOVE. WE EXPECT THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS.
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